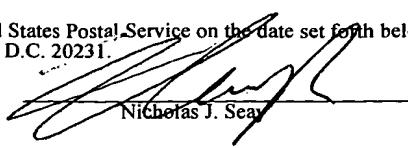


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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Dear Sir:

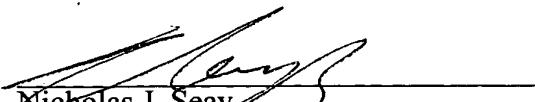
In response to an office action dated September 28, 2000 in the file of the above-identified application, which imposed a requirement for restriction on the applicant, the applicant responds herewith as follows:

The applicant hereby elects the inventions of Group I, Claims 1-10, drawn to a mutant ribonuclease inhibitor. This election is made with traverse.

The requirement for restriction is traversed because the subject matter of Groups I and II are inextricably linked. A proper search for the subject matter of Claims 1-10 will inevitably include the DNA sequence which are recited and claimed in Claims 11-14. As such, it will be unnecessarily burdensome on both the applicant and the Office to consider this highly related subject matter in two separate patent applications. For these reasons it is requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Wherefore examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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